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NEW 'EDDIE THE WAITER'

Fats Pichon has moved into a regular role on the popular Friday night NBC show, *Duffy's Tavern*, starring Ed Gardner. He plays Eddie the Waiter, replacing comedian Eddie Green who died last year. (See "Entertainment".)

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EDITORIAL REPORT

Four Cicero Indictments Quashed

Four remaining indictments against two Negroes and two whites accused of conspiracy in the Cicero riots of last July were quashed by Chicago's Judge Wilbert F. Crowley in criminal court as a Federal grand jury convened to re-open investigation of the disorders. Dropped were indictments against four defendants who were not in the rioting mob but rather victims of the riot, started when a Negro veteran tried to move into a previously all-white area.

NAACP attorney Robert Ming asked quashing of the indictment because it did not charge violation of any law on Illinois statute books.

Still facing indictment is Cicero's Police Chief Erwin Konovsky, charged with failure to stop the riot.

Meanwhile, a Federal grand jury was impaneled on orders of U.S. Attorney General Howard McGrath

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and will hear 100 witnesses, according to Special U.S. Attorney Leo F. Tierney. Several volumes of reports by FBI agents will be presented.

Projection: *The Federal grand jury will probably bring in indictments against mob members after extended hearings. The trial of these rioters will be the first in the North under Federal civil rights statutes, all previous cases having been in the South.*

Jo Baker Snubbed At Stork Club

Josephine Baker, international stage star, who only recently was voted "the world's best dressed woman" in an unofficial poll on the Stork Club's TV show, this week was planning legal action against the club after being snubbed and humiliated by its waiters. Her tiff with the ultra-exclusive supper club arose from discourteous treatment accorded her when she visited there as guest of Roger Rico, French star of *South Pacific*, and decided to order food. Though her order was taken, she was left waiting for an hour while others around her were being served. Then she was told abruptly that "a search" was being made for the shrimp cocktail and steak she had ordered.

Embarrassed at being inten-



Jo Baker

tionally ignored, Miss Baker, accompanied by Rico, went to a phone booth to phone her lawyer and 7th Deputy Police Commissioner Billy Rowe. A waiter then rushed to her table with a menu and finally, after another delay, brought out a steak which the Paris star refused to eat. Commenting later, Miss Baker said: "I have no intention of suffering deliberate humiliation without striking back."

The NAACP has demanded that the Stork Club's liquor and cabaret licenses be withdrawn because of race bias, began picketing the club Monday. NAACP secretary Walter White led the picket line. At week's end police got an anonymous tip that Stork Club was to be blown up, but after an hour's vain search for explosives decided the tip was phoney.

Projection: *The Jo Baker incident at the Stork Club may have repercussions elsewhere. Middleweight Champion "Sugar Ray" Robinson has threatened to resign from the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund Committee because of the treatment of Miss Baker in the club which is owned by Sherman Billingsley, a fellow member of the committee. Knowing that Miss Baker did a benefit for the Runyon Fund in California, Robinson said in a radio broadcast: "I can't tell you how it makes you feel being a member of the committee fighting cancer and have a cancer right there in your own committee."*

Senate Confirms Tobias

The Senate confirmed nomination last week of Dr. Channing Tobias as a delegate to the United Nations General Assembly. During a hearing prior to the confirmation Alabama Senator John J. Sparkman, chairman of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee, said Tobias had been accused of membership

in "several" Communist and Communist front organizations.

Dr. Tobias, considered by many as the Negro elder statesman, told the committee members studying his nomination that he feels only "disgust" for Communism because "it is Godless and I am a Christian." He said he would not make any "wholesale denial" of membership in groups cited as subversive. He did not even recall most of them. He may have permitted use of his name by various groups but his relations with them were "meager at best," he said. Always a "political independent," he said he was a firm believer in the two-party system.

Significance: *Senate confirmation of the Tobias nomination shaped up as a refutation to charges by syndicated columnist Westbrook Pegler who wrote that the 69-year-old religious leader's "record of connections with flagrant Communist fronts exceeded only a few other individuals in the files of the House Committee on Un-American Activities."*

Projection: *Pegler will continue his attacks on Negro leaders, particularly Walter White of the NAACP who came to the defense of Tobias.*



Dr. Channing Tobias

Senate Sidetracks Beck Confirmation

Senate confirmation of the nomination of Earl Wayne Beck, of Missouri, as Recorder of Deeds for Washington, was sidetracked when the lawmakers adjourned last week. The Senate will probably act on the nomination when it reconvenes in January. A two-man subcommittee

was named to study Beck's qualifications. Chairman Matthew M. Neely (D. W. Va.) disclosed he wrote President Truman asking that Beck's nomination be withdrawn. Republicans claim Beck is unqualified for the post, call his selection "purely political."

Sharp Decline in Race Bias

Racial bias is down 40 per cent since 1946, according to a report from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Woman Named Senator's Assistant

U. S. Senator Blair Moody of Michigan named Mrs. Dorothy M. Sewell of Detroit as his assistant. She is the second Negro woman to hold such a post. First was Miss Frances H. Williams, administrative assistant to Sen. Herbert H. Lehman (D., N.Y.) named in January, 1950.

18 Die of Bad Whiskey

Bad whiskey—a combination of methyl alcohol and water—killed a total of 18 persons, 17 of them Negroes, in Atlanta last week. Sold by bootleggers at 50 cents a pint, the liquor was consumed at week-end parties in Peopletown, a Negro housing project. Many others were hospitalized after drinking the whiskey and being seized by nausea and blindness. Four persons were booked on suspicion of selling the bad whiskey.

Lawyer Heads Mixed Guild

Chicago attorney Earl B. Dickerson last week was elected president of the predominantly-white National Lawyers Guild in its 11th annual convention at Chicago.

Name Calling Nets \$77 Fine

Robert Robinson, a 21-year-old soldier of Montgomery, Ala., was enjoying a 21-day, pre-overseas furlough in Macon, Ga., before he "merely asked" R. O. Sanders, white driver for the Southern Trailways bus line, about schedules. The driver replied by calling him "nigger." On hearing the verbal scrape, Police Lt. B. B. McGahee "took action." According to Robinson, "he hit me and knocked me to my knees!"

Robinson was arrested and given the alternative of \$77

in fines or 112 days in jail; his GI companion, John D. Johnson of Greenville, Miss., charged with interfering with Robinson's arrest, was fined \$26, with an alternative of 2 days in the clink.

After a one-day stay in jail both soldiers were released and counseled by Judge Roy R. Rhodenheiser who told them they should be proud of their race and not object to being called "a Negro." Robinson countered that the judge had missed the point. He said he and his companion were "proud of our race," but objected to the connotation of the word, "nigger," as used in the South.

Promises to Wipe Out Tax Graft

In the light of recently-aired income tax scandals, Monroe D. Dowling, Collector of Internal Revenue for New York's Third District, has served notice that he intends to keep his skirts clean. Only Negro holding such a high tax post, he warned his office staff that he intends to be rid of grafters and incompetents and is demanding explanations from 10 of his key assistants as to how they are able to buy "sleek automobiles" and maintain expensive homes on salaries of less than \$4,000 a year.

By the end of last week 20 resignations had been handed in to Dowling, none of them from Negro employees.

Indiana Restaurant Fined

Because he refused to serve three Negro women in his Whiting, Indiana, restaurant, Fred Vogel was fined \$100 and costs last week in the first civil rights case ever to be tried in Lake County Criminal Court. One of the women involved was Mrs. Louise Wilson, wife of Gary city councilman Ben Wilson.

Youth Rescues Babies From Fire

While a 63-year-old man was running to turn in a fire alarm in Washington last week, 14-year-old Cephas Vaughn decided to act. He barged into the burning house of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason and saved their 21-month-old twin daughters.

Awarded \$27,500 In Taxi Wreck

A circuit court jury in Meridian, Miss., last week awarded \$27,500 damages to heirs of Walter Scott, who was killed Jan. 1, 1951, when a taxi in which he was riding collided with a passenger train of the G. M. & O. Railroad.

Dixie Sheriffs Go to Jail

Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson last week protested the high court's refusal to hear the appeal of Texas constable, Bruno A. Koehler, who had been found guilty and sentenced to six months in jail for violating the civil rights of a Negro he was accused of beating. The officer, Jackson said, "richly deserves severe punishment" but added that the "presumption" that the federal constitution had been violated was bringing "a dangerous and novel importation into American criminal law."

In Atlanta, John Lynch and William Hartline (below), former sheriff and chief deputy of Dade County, Ga., voluntarily surrendered themselves to the marshal's office to begin one-year prison terms for violation of civil rights of seven Dade County Negroes.



Sheriff Lynch and Deputy Hartline go to jail

▣ FOREIGN NEWS

Swiss Convict Spy

A Swiss Federal court last week sentenced Charles Davis, 23, of Pasadena, Calif., to eight months in jail and expulsion from the country for gathering political information about U.S. diplomats for Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R., Wis.). The five-judge court also found Davis guilty of giving information on Swiss and American left-wing extremists in Switzerland to the U.S. Consulate General in Geneva and to the American Embassy in Paris.

Davis was tried under a law which makes it a criminal offense to gather information on political activities of any Swiss citizen or resident within the country. Because Davis had already served a jail sentence of 11 months while awaiting trial, he was set free immediately.

The U.S. Consulate revealed that it invalidated his passport for travel anywhere but back to the United States. Davis was put on a plane back to the U.S., landed at Boston and was served a subpoena by a Senate subcommittee agent to appear in connection with the probe of Sen. McCarthy's fitness to sit in the Senate.

Background: *Davis was arrested nearly a year ago, when the Communists in Geneva complained that he had asked the post office to send him mail addressed to Reds. He testified in court that he sent a telegram to a former*

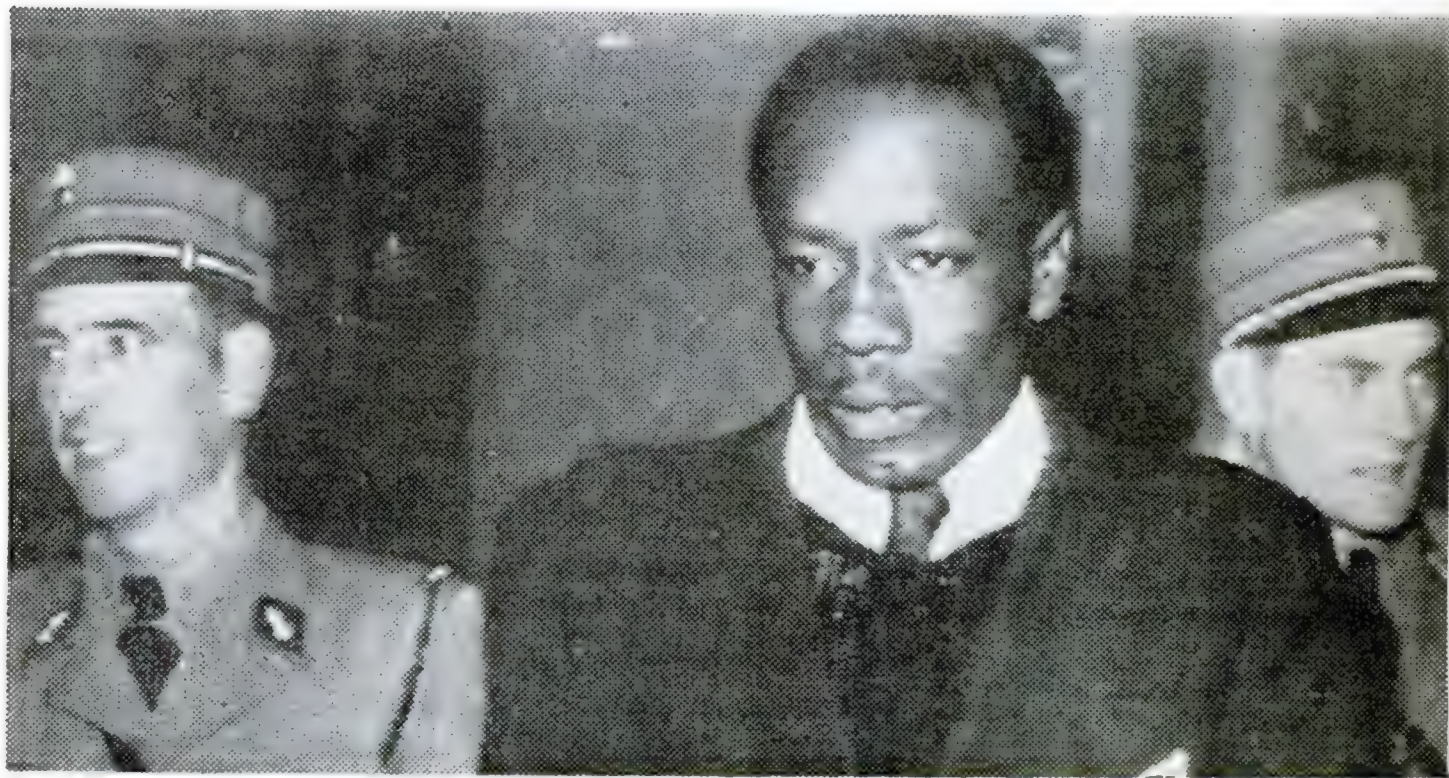


Sen. McCarthy

U. S. minister, John Carter Vincent, a year ago, in an attempt to discredit him. The Swiss Government alleged that Davis was employed by an agent of Sen. McCarthy to gather political information on American diplomats. McCarthy admitted that he had received information from Davis, even telephone calls.

Davis said in a signed statement that he wished to apologize to Alex Jordan, a Negro medical student from New York, for having implied in a telegram to Vincent that he was one of a group of left wing students in Geneva. Jordan is not a Communist, leftwinger or radical, Davis said.

Projection: *The Davis case will not be totally forgotten, though Davis himself may sink into oblivion. He, however, has expressed a desire to go into politics, says: "I think a political career is possible for a Negro. Racial animosity has decreased a lot in the U. S." Facts in the case will be placed before the Senate privileges and elections subcommittee now investigating charges by Sen. William Benton (D-Conn.) that McCarthy is unfit to hold his Senate seat.*



Swiss guards lead Charles Davis into court for spy trial.

Nigerians Hurt in Theater Panic

Twenty movie-goers were injured when a man shouted "fire" in a theater in Kano, Nigeria, and the audience stampeded for exits. Man had seen reflections of film storm on walls and thought they were flames. Townspeople have been jittery in movies since Kano theater fire killed 311 persons there last year.

Truman Counts on Ethiopia

President Truman has indicated that Ethiopia will be called on to play an important role if his point four program is adopted. Cast as a teacher last week while talking to a group of Latin-American students, the President pointed out Ethiopia on a map and called attention to the fact that the country has a plateau up to 8,000 feet high with 65,000 square miles of the black soil and the same temperate climate as the upper Middlewest in this country. He said enough food could be produced on the plateau to feed 100,000,000 people. "What a pressure that would take off," he concluded.

Windsor Couples Meet Princess

When Princess Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh visited Windsor, Canada, three Negro couples, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Perry, Dr. and Mrs. Henry David and Rev. and Mrs. Iliad H. Edwards, were among the honored guests presented to the British royal couple before a crowd of 250,000.

Soviets Wooing Selassie

The Russians, anxious to exploit backward areas and native unrest, have assigned 220 attaches, military experts, advisers and diplomats to Addis Ababa in Ethiopia. No other country in the world has that many representatives in Selassie's backward, mountainous little kingdom. And no one knows yet what trouble for the West will be brewed there. One thing is certain: in open conflict with the West, Ethiopia could have strategic importance.

Breaks Ankle in Plane Take-Off

Harlem's fabulous Colonel Hubert F. Julian, currently involved in a \$125,000 law suit growing out of sales of war surplus jeeps abroad, is nursing a broken ankle he received during a plane take-off at Rome while enroute to the U. S. Julian slipped and fell at the airport. The suit against Julian was brought by two former associates in the jeep syndicate who had considered the venture a failure, but learned that Julian had brought back several French autos for his personal use.



Col. Julian

This Week In Negro History

Oct. 27, 1859—John Brown, noted abolitionist, went on trial for treason.

Oct. 30, 1917—The Julius Rosenwald Fund, philanthropic organization for Negroes, was established in Illinois.

Nov. 1, 1787—Secular education for New York Negroes began with opening of African Free School.

Nov. 1, 1847—The North Star, an anti-slavery weekly founded by Frederick Douglass, began publication in Rochester, New York.

Nov. 1, 1927—Florence Mills, famous Broadway star, died in New York as result of appendicitis.



Florence Mills

Ethiopians Fight With Boulders

Hard-hitting Ethiopian troops, who have out-manuevered, out-smarted and out-fought battle wise Chinese Reds in every encounter, last week got their first replacements when 100 enlisted men and one officer arrived at Pusan, major United Nations port of entry. Ethiopia is the latest U.N. member to send troops to Korea. First ones arrived in September, but already they have won four battle medals and added a new psychological weapon to the U.N. side.

Most U.N. troops find their first encounter with horn-blowing, screeching Chinese Reds a harrowing ordeal—but not the Ethiopians. In one recent fight the Chinese started a noisy attack against a hill held by the Ethiopians. The Ethiopian soldiers waited until the Chinese were within sight and started a counterattack of even wilder screams and more distressing sounds. Thrown off balance emotionally by this, the Chinese faltered. Then the Ethiopians let loose a hundred boulders which rolled through Chinese ranks bowling them over. This was followed by a bayonet point attack which drove the Chinese off the hill.



Ethiopians wield bayonets

Other U.N. troops are now copying the Ethiopians' noise maker: stones rattled in an unlined helmet.

Ethiopian troops have voiced two complaints since coming to Korea: 1. Not enough garlic in the food and no hot sauce. This complaint has been corrected. 2. No prisoners. "We like to capture them alive," Capt. Ayalew Selassie, distant relative of the Emperor, said.



WEEKLY ALMANAC



TRAFFIC VIOLATOR OF THE WEEK.

Robert Jackson, a 19-year-old Knoxville, Tenn., driver, was fined \$200 by a judge in four hit-run cases. The judge then dismissed charges that he: 1) ran four red lights; 2) hit four parked cars; 3) drove the wrong way on four one-way streets; 4) sped past two stop signs.



INNOCENT BYSTANDERS OF THE WEEK.

Cicero police magistrate E. Marvin Capouch freed a batch of 40 Cicero race rioters with this statement: "No evidence has been produced to show that any of these defendants came on the scene with intention to commit violence."



PROVERB OF THE WEEK.

An African proverb as reported in L'Oeil, a French newspaper: "God created heaven and earth, and then He rested. He created the sea and the fish, and then He rested again. Later He created man, horses, dogs, other animals, and everyone rested. Finally he created woman. And since that time no one rested!"



COMEBACK OF THE WEEK.

A delegation of white tenants went to the manager of the Jacob Riis housing project in New York and insisted: "We know Negroes have a right to live here but couldn't you put them in one apartment house and leave the rest for whites?" The manager replied: "Maybe that's a good idea. Why not carry it a step further? Why don't we put all Catholics in one building, Protestants in another and Jews in a third? Better still, let's have a building for the Irish, another for the Poles and so on. Of course, we have 30 or 40 nationality stocks, but maybe we can work it out." The delegation of tenants immediately withdrew their request.



SLIP OF THE WEEK. A thief in Chattanooga snatched a purse with \$38 from a woman pedestrian. She held onto him and screamed for help. The woman told police, "I grabbed his pants but he slipped out of them too."



GOURMET OF THE WEEK. Poppy Cannon, wife of NAACP executive Walter White, revealed his food preferences: rice and gravy, hominy grits, broiled ham slices with red gravy.



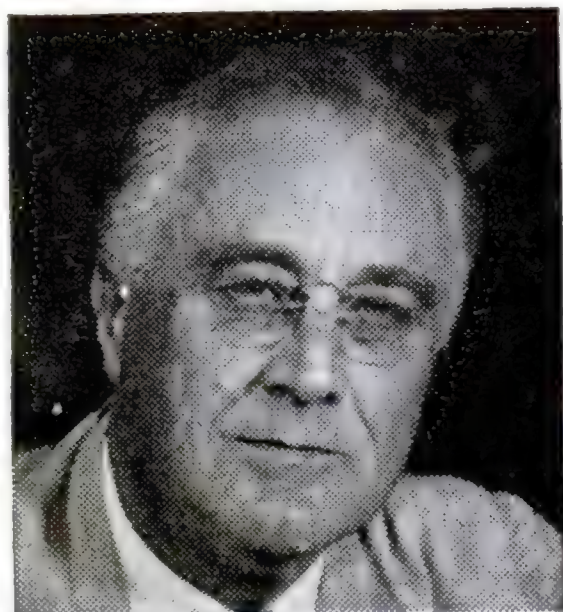
NAME OF THE WEEK. Out on Montauk, Long Island, a new tourist camp has opened with the name of Uncle Tom's Cabins.



DIRTY LINEN OF THE WEEK. In a new book, *Franklin D. Roosevelt's Own Story*, compiled from the late President's private and public papers by Donald Day, FDR reveals a run-in he had with Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill. After visiting Gambia in Africa, Roosevelt was shocked by the poverty he saw and told Churchill that he would suggest that the United Nations have an inspection committee look into the way the colonies were being treated. Churchill didn't like the idea and his comeback was: "All right, the United Nations will send an inspection committee to your own South in America."



Winston told off F. D. R.

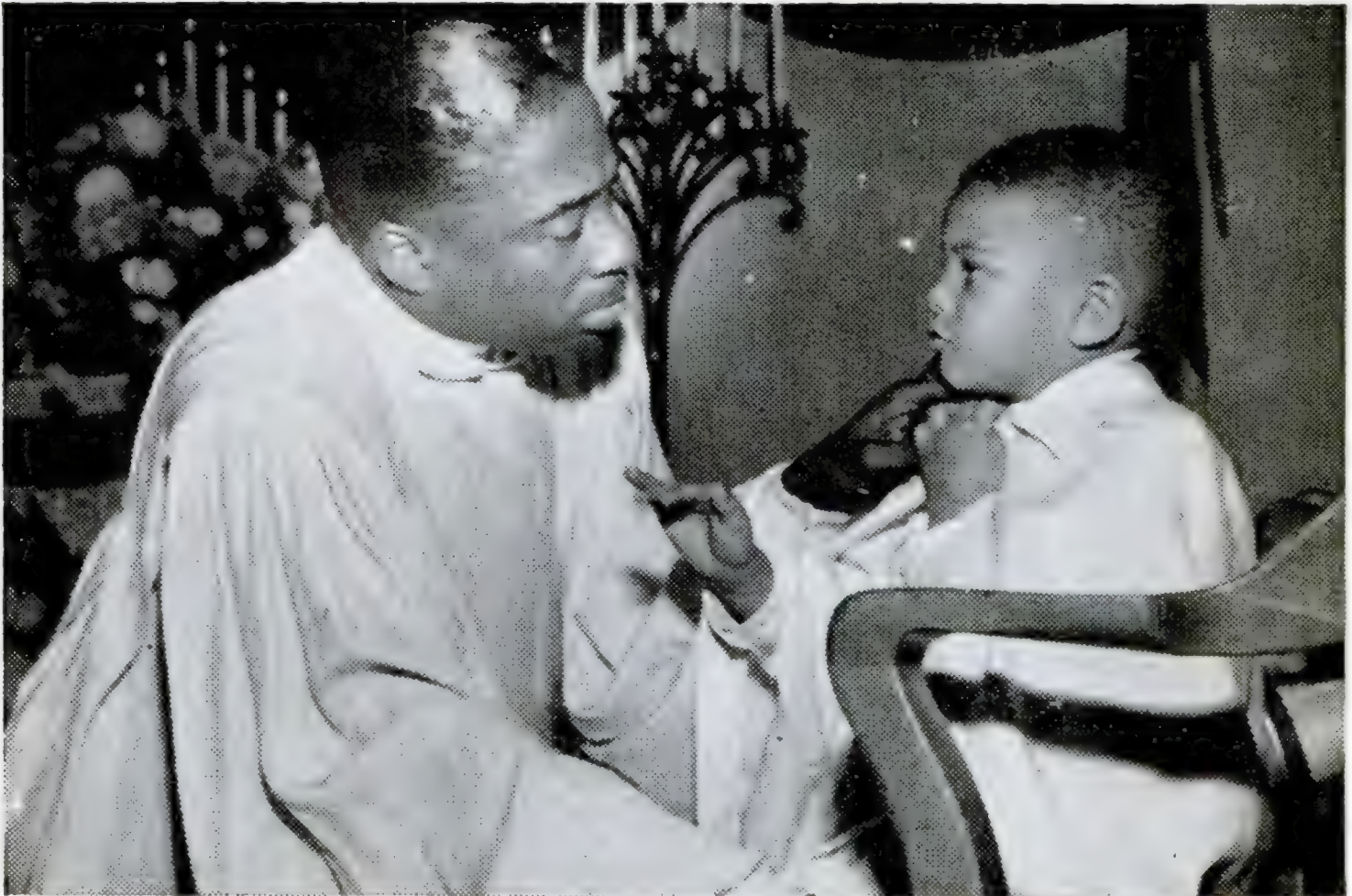


Negro Pastor Heads Interracial Group

Elected as president of the Augusta County Ministerial Association, a predominantly white organization in Virginia, was Rev. M. H. Tynes, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Staunton. He is a Yale graduate.

5-Year-Old Boy Directs Choir

Every Sunday five-year-old Floyd Hale dons a long, white robe and takes over direction of a choir of 50 adult members in Chicago's First Church of Deliverance. The church's large congregation has enjoyed and nodded approvingly at Floyd's talent for over three years now. His mother, Mrs. Dorothy Hale, can't explain the child's unusual talent. "When he was two he just walked up and started directing the choir," she says. Now a kindergarten pupil, Floyd's schooling is being sponsored by First Church's pastor, the Rev. Clarence H. Cobbs (below), with whom he now lives, his mother said.



Chicago's Rev. Cobbs and his child choir director, Floyd Hale.

Methodist Segregation Charged

Returning home from England, Bishop W. J. Walls charged in Chicago that the 1951 Ecumenical Methodist Conference held in Oxford completely ignored Negro churches. Although Channing Tobias and Charles Wesley were speakers at previous parleys, the 1951 meet had no Negro speakers, was "the most segregated program that the conference ever had," declared Walls.

Candidate For AME Bishop

Candidate for a bishopric at the next conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Brooklyn in May will be Dr. Joseph D. Cauthen of Norfolk's Metropolitan Church. Three bishops have died since last general conference in 1948 and three vacancies remain. Cauthen has endorsement of Virginia conference for bishopric.

▣ FARM

155,000 Pick Cotton Around Memphis

More than 155,000 Negro pickers have been supplied out of Memphis to farms in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi to harvest the 1951 cotton crop. Truckers haul pickers to 1,500 in 70-mile radius around Memphis. In Louisiana the state employment division announced 5 000 pickers are badly needed to finish the cotton harvest. Pay averages \$2 a 100-pounds.

Hauls Tobacco In Covered Wagon

When farmer Arnold Wagoner rolled into the Winston Salem, N. C., market last week with a load of tobacco in a covered wagon drawn by a team of horses, he amazed even old-timers. He explained he was "near about killed" when he brought his tobacco in a truck and he decided a wagon was safer.

□ PEOPLE □

Ralph Bunche, Nobel Prize winner, is still waiting for a ruling from the Collector of Internal Revenue on whether he will have to pay income tax on the \$3,000 prize money he collected.

Eddie "Rochester" Anderson is one of a half-dozen Hollywood stars caught in the bankruptcy of the Hadacol patent medicine outfit. He worked in personal appearance shows where the customers used Hadacol box tops for admission, but Hadacol pay checks bounced.

Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., now on a round-the-world trip was introduced at a London meeting as "Sugar Ray's MP."

Christine Davis, secretary of the House Expenditures Committee, took off from Washington last Friday on an around-the-world flight in the interest of official committee business. She is only Negro secretary to a congressional committee.

Gordon Parks, Life photographer in Paris, has composed a piano concerto inspired by a recent trip to Portugal on an assignment. Orchestra conductor Dean Dixon helped him polish the piece off and it will be played late this year by a Paris symphony orchestra. Parks plays piano by ear only.

Herb Jeffries, who was reported missing in Europe when he didn't show up for a London engagement, turned up back in Los Angeles and opened at the Mocambo last week after six months singing on the continent. He is performing in open shirt similar to one he wore on Riviera.

Griffith Davis, well-known photographer who has worked for Ebony, Black Star and Republic Steel, returns from Liberia this week after a brief stop-over in Paris. He will go back to Liberia in January for President Tubman's inauguration.

CRIME

Charge GI "Kiss-Killed" Mother

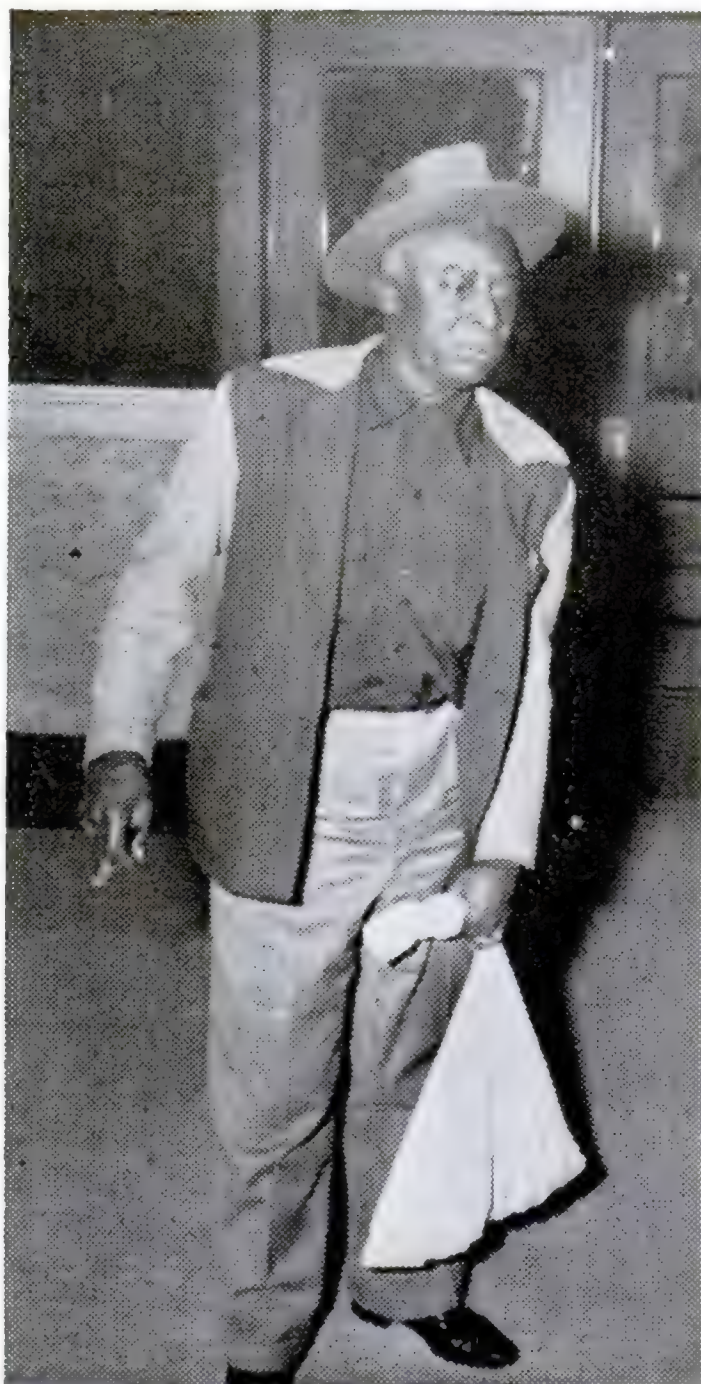
Military and civil police this week were tracking down paratrooper George A. Barlow, 28, with overseas sailing orders for questioning in the death of his mother, Mrs. Lucy Hicks, 45, at Richmond, Va., last Friday. She was knocked down, a witness said, by her son in a dispute over a lost \$118 plane ticket and her refusal to accept a long distance telephone call for him. She died that night in St. Philip Hospital. Barlow, in "a kissing mood," had kissed his mother before dispute began.

"Two-Gun Pete" Resigns

Chicago policeman Sylvester Washington, known nationally as "Two-Gun Pete" and famed for riding herd on South Side hoodlums, last week resigned from the Chicago police department after 18 years of service.

Money Is His Pillow

In Chicago James Johnson, 53, who doesn't trust banks, took \$16,300 cash in a pillow slip to Federal Courthouse to post cash bail of \$10,000 after dope agents arrested him for having \$66,300 worth of narcotics in his flat. Nattily attired, Johnson walked out of judge's chamber still carrying his pillow slip, containing this time but \$6,300 (right).



Johnson and \$16,300.

Triple Rape in Chicago

In Chicago a young couple were having dinner in the kitchen when an armed man entered the back door, forced the wife to tie up her husband and then raped her on the kitchen floor. Next he searched for money, came back and raped the woman again. After taking \$46, he raped the woman a third time and fled. Two days later police picked up Negro Louis Florence, 19, planned to charge him with triple rape attack. Charges were dropped when couple failed to identify him as rapist and lie-detector tests proved inconclusive. Florence was held on another charge—he had broken an ankle leaping from second floor of hotel where he is accused of having attempted to rob and ravish Mrs. Dorothy McGinnis, 38.

Goodloe Loses His Appeal

Immediate future for Dr. William A. (Goodie) Goodloe, fabulously rich Washington playboy-surgeon, is a bleak seven years behind prison bars for performing an abortion on a Baltimore white woman. The U. S. Supreme Court last week refused to review his conviction and the doctor will have to begin serving his sentence within the next few weeks. The abortion charge got him five years. Obstructing justice and bribery charges added two years in jury verdict of lower court. One-time friend of Joe Louis, the aging Goodloe fell from social eminence when he took \$350 from Capt. Andrew Gleeson, white army officer, who brought his girl friend, Gloria M. Huffman, to him to get rid of her unborn child. Operation was performed at Goodlie's sumptuous S. Street mansion where in former days he lavishly entertained bigwig Black Cabinetees.



Dr. Goodloe goes to jail.



*Suicide victim is carried
from Chicago home.*

WHY NEGRO SUICIDES ARE INCREASING

Self-murder among Negroes is booming. Never before in history will so many colored Americans have committed suicide as in 1951. Statisticians figure the number of Negro suicides as doubled in the last decade—and ten years ago the census showed 461 Negroes who checked themselves out annually.

Why the sudden increase in suicides among a racial group that for years has had the lowest suicide rate in the nation? Sociologists and psychiatrists give a strange but very logical

answer: less U. S. Jim Crow means more Negro suicides. Their arguments go something like this: 1) Basic cause of suicide is hatred, guilt and frustration, and self-murder is a way of escaping bitter reality of these problems; 2) When Negroes face need for escape, they find scapegoat in hatred of whites whom they blame for their racial suffering; 3) Because race relations are improving, it is increasing difficult for Negroes to blame whites for their personal misery and frustrations; 4) Unable to find scapegoat, Negroes do what frustrated whites do—take their own lives.

Before World War II, whites committed suicide 35 times as much as Negroes because as noted psychiatrist Helen McLean put it: "White discrimination seems to arouse in the Negro more desire to kill his 'enemy' than to escape bitter reality by killing himself."

But events of the past ten years have changed the status of Negroes so that more and more of them are in the population group most likely to commit suicide. Most people who take their own lives are city dwellers, and today for perhaps the first time in Negro history most Negroes live in urban areas. Far more old people turn to suicide than younger people and significantly the life span of the Negro has increased greatly (persons over 45 account for more than half of U. S. suicides). Most suicides in the country are in California and the Negro population on the West Coast has doubled in the past ten years.

Suicide motives among Negroes range from ill health and domestic discord to alcoholism and loss of loved ones. Favorite method of suicide among Negroes, according to Dr. Julian Lewis, is poison, although gas, rope, razor, gun or window are also employed as a solution of what ails the frustrated Negro.



San Francisco doctor was suicide after wife killed nurse she suspected of affair with him. Bay City has highest U.S. rate.

Opens Fifth Barbecue Shack

In Chicago last week three brothers, Earl, Harvey and Argia Collins, who ventured into the barbecue business only a year ago, opened their fifth eating establishment featuring what they claim to be "the world's best barbecue." The secret of their fast-growing chain, they claim, is a Spanish "Mumbo" sauce, first brought to Florida by Ponce De Leon nearly 400 years ago and now held by them as a family secret.

Cosmetic Firm Adds Dress Line

The Fuller Products Co., celebrating its 15th anniversary with a three-day convention in Chicago last week, formally announced that it had entered the dress manufacturing business. The cosmetic and household goods firm, which has 40 branches including offices in Paris, is marketing a line of "O'Teal Originals" for casual and cocktail wear (priced from \$20 to \$50) which will be sold nationally on a door-to-door basis by the company's 650 salesmen. In announcing the new venture, S. B. Fuller, president of the firm, disclosed that 30,000 square feet of



S. B. Fuller plans new business expansion.

floor space had been acquired in the Rosa-Meta building in New York for the purpose of setting up the dress factory. During the convention, top salesmen of the firm (they earn upwards of \$10,000) were awarded prizes for making the most sales. First prize: an all-expense paid trip to Paris or \$1,000 cash.

□ THE WEEK'S CENSUS

Married:

Stepin Fetchit (born: Lincoln Theodore Perry), 53, movie actor, to Bernice Sims, 42, she for the first time, he for the second time; in Tulsa's St. Monica Catholic Church.

Born:

To orchestra leader Buddy Johnson and his wife, Jeanette: their first child, a son, in New York's Sydenham Hospital. Name: Woodrow Buddy. Weight: 8 lbs.



Fetchit kisses his bride

Died:

Arthur H. Simms, 95, nation's oldest practicing Negro lawyer; of a stomach disorder in Chicago.

Dr. H. Carlyle Johnson, 33, of Detroit, and his wife, Lydia, also 33; in an auto crash near Battle Creek, Mich.

Birthdays:

Band leader Illinois Jacquet. 29 on October 31. . . .
Singer Julia Lee, 48 on October 31.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

Bernice Davis, 21, doomed to die in the electric chair for killing two Chicago detectives: "This execution is not according to God's law. The Bible says your sins, no matter what size, are forgotten."

Billy Eckstine, after seeing himself in the movies for the first time: "I saw my screen test the other day and I thought it was awful corny. After all, I'm just a trombone player at heart."

Maurice de Vlaminck, noted modern French artist: "The so-called renaissance of modern art is nothing more than a bastard arrangement of Negro art."

George John Seaton, who survived 20 years of imprisonment on dreaded Devil's Island: "The only guards among the three hundred who showed any degree of humanity and sympathy were the Negroes."

Ethel Waters, commenting on her success as an actress: "I am grateful for what people see in me. I don't see it myself."

Louise Davis, an escaped North Carolina murderess who walked into a New York police station and surrendered:



Walter White

"I want to go back where it's warm. I'd rather die in prison in North Carolina than be free in New York."

Walter White, NAACP secretary, commenting on the Cicero riot at a Chicago mass meeting: "A lot of colored people in the North think they're free here because they are away from Mississippi, Alabama, and Arkansas at last. But what they forgot is that Mississippi and the South followed them here."

Negro College Booming

Boom times have hit Negro colleges and universities. Although there are only nine more Negro schools now than in 1950, there are 28 times as many students. The U. S. Office of Education reports there were: 2,624 students in 1900, and 74,526 in 1950. Baccalaureate degrees awarded: 156 in 1900; 13,108 in 1950. Faculty membership, however, has increased more slowly. Number of instructors: 1,555 in 1900; 5,851 in 1950.

LSU Told to Admit Negro Nurses

U. S. District Judge Herbert Christenberry ordered Louisiana State University to admit Negro students to its school of nursing. Judge Christenberry granted the injunction after Miss Daryle Foister, director of the nursing service of Flint-Goodridge Hospital, claimed in a petition to the District Court that she was denied admission to L.S.U. because of her race.

Probe Mississippi GI Schooling

A GI adult education school for Negroes in Meridian, Miss., is under Federal investigation on charges that vets were paid for schooling but never attended class. Two white state board of education supervisors have been suspended for complicity in the alleged fraud.

Negro Teachers Scarce in N. Y.

The Harlem Committee of the Teachers Union took a long look at New York City's public school system recently, then blew a fuse. It discovered that although Negroes make up 8 per cent of New York's population, they hold down only 2½ per cent of the teaching jobs. When only regularly appointed teachers are considered, the figure plunges even further. They make up only 1½ per cent of the total. In high schools and vocational high schools, only 40 Negroes out of a total of 6,495 instructors are employed.

N. C. Public School Ends Discrimination

For the first time in modern history of the South, colored and white grade school students are attending a publicly-supported elementary school on a completely unsegregated basis. So quietly was this revolutionary step taken at Fort Bragg, N. C., that few of the most alert Southern lily-whiters heard the ominous footfalls of progress. Today there are 33 Negro children attending the same classes with 1,175 white students at the school on North Carolina's largest Army post. Only one complaint against the unsegregated policy was heard—that one from the wife of an Army officer who took her son out of school when she learned it was now "mixed."

Lane Installs Sixth President

Chester Arthur Kirkendoll, Jr., was inaugurated as the sixth president of Lane College, Jackson, Tenn., last week. He succeeds former president D. S. Yarbrough.

\$141,000,000 for Segregation

Mississippi, the nation's poorest state, apparently believes segregation is a bargain at \$141,000,000. At the first of 33 forums sponsored by the Mississippi Economic Council to sample public opinion, white Vicksburg residents indicated they would rather pay \$41,000,000 a year, in addition to \$100,000,000 for a building program to be paid for within 20 years, in order to maintain the segregated public school system there. It is the only way Mississippi can avoid integration in education, as a result of recent decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

Keep High Standards, Colleges Warned

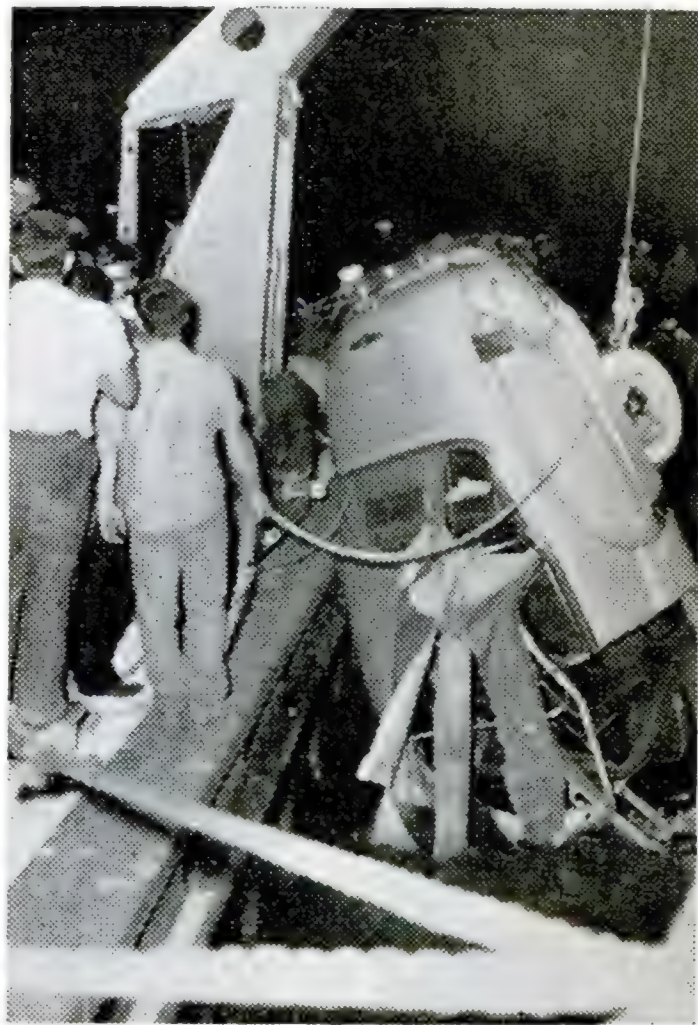
Predicting that all legal segregation will be abolished in America within 10 to 15 years, Atlanta University's Rufus Clement warned the 29th annual parley of Negro land grant college presidents in Washington to keep up the standards of their institutions lest they "put themselves out of jobs." He explained that Negro colleges should be qualified to accept students of all races when all white schools are opened to Negroes. Elected conference president was E. B. Evans of Texas' Prairie View College.

Chemical Birth Control

The dream of scientists and sociologists for decades has been a simple, inexpensive but perfect means of birth control. Today they think they have it in a new chemical gel that needs no contraptions. Tests in South with 300 women (90 per cent rural Negroes) proved the gel almost 100 per cent effective. Company which makes gel is not ready to put it on the market, is seeking for easier way to use. Scientists hope one day to find pill taken by mouth to prevent conception.

Lakefront Tragedy

In Chicago Alonzo Cooley, 58, gathered with a crowd of curiosity seekers to watch police raise an automobile which had toppled into 20 feet of water in Lake Michigan. When car door opened, Cooley was grief-stricken to find body of his wife, Emma, and that of Thorsten Broman, white yacht captain with whom the Cooleys had been having a few drinks earlier in evening. Cooley and his wife went for a boat ride with policeman George Butler and returned to Randolph Street yacht basin. They went into the harbormaster's shack and were later joined by Broman. After a few drinks, his wife and Broman disappeared, Cooley said. While searching for his wife, Cooley heard about the car crashing into the lake and went over to watch rescue operations.



Death car hoisted from Lake Michigan.

Boost for Big Busts

Speaking of new fashionable trend toward the glorification of big busts, noted editor George S. Schuyler of the Pittsburgh Courier says, "I fervently hope that the Dagmar revolution is here to stay. Nowadays the Esquire-eyed buck surveying bar, beach or ball room can look around delightedly and exclaim, 'You've got something here.'"

Wives Battle Over GI Insurance

When Louis Walker of Memphis was lost in 1943 off a sunken troop transport, a clause in his GI insurance left \$10,000 to his mother and second wife, Hattie. However, his first wife, Mrs. Mary Lou Walker, claimed the GI never divorced her. The government went into U. S. District Court to find who should get the money. Last week, eight years after his death, the court decided in favor of the first wife, who will share the \$10,000 with Walker's mother.

Plot Against Husband Backfires

When Mrs. Presola Young, 37-year-old Atlanta woman, suspected her common-law husband of infidelity, police say she set a trap to get even. When "husband" Sam Oliver, 39, barged blithely into the room, the swinging door knocked a pot of potash from Mrs. Young's hands, spilling the poison over her face. Oliver believes the woman was waiting behind the door to throw the poison on him when he entered. City hospital reports say Mrs. Young was totally blinded.

Powerful Perfumes Too Strong

Perfume advertisers, long noted for their purple passages, are checking copy closely since government last week cracked down with a postal fraud order against one recent advertiser who said the perfume Charm Me, "lures men into your loving embrace." His advertisements for perfume Passion Love told women the scent makes men, "love you wildly . . . obey your every command." Advertisements were carried in many Negro newspapers.



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Champion Has Good Cry. Jersey Joe Walcott, who braved the thunderous hard knocks of boxing and finally won the heavyweight championship from Ezzard Charles, broke down in tears when the Boxing Writers' Association in New York presented to him a belt emblematic of his title. A spotless white handkerchief halted the tears.



Mike Shea

"Two years for what?" Marion Edwards cried over and over when Chicago Narcotics Court found her guilty of possession of dope and sentenced her to two years in prison. Being fingerprinted, 27-year-old Chicago woman is held by police matron as she weeps bitterly. Picked up in street, she was taken to police station in squad car to be searched by policewoman. When she was taken from squad car, police found package of heroin and package of cocaine stuffed into back seat.



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Only Negro in Jet Club: Up 3,000 feet over Wurzburg, Germany, and jetting along at 400 miles an hour, Chicago's Captain Clarence D. Lester had to do something quick when his F-84E Thunderjet exploded and burst into flames. He yanked at the lever of his ejection seat, catapulting himself and parachute clear of the burning plane. Result: He became 1) the sixth pilot to use the ejection mechanism, and 2) the first Negro member of the exclusive aviator's club, "Fraternitas Exjectio," a group composed solely of pilots who have been shot out of a jet.



WORLD'S STRONGEST MAN:

Brooklyn's John Dillinger
man, a world's record
weight lifter flew v
world title against



Cecil Charles

ewis has lifted more weight with his arms than any other hu-
bd of 402 pounds. Last week the world's champion heavyweigh
Milan, Italy, as a member of a U. S. team which defends its
11 nations starting October 26. It will be an Olympic tuneup



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"I love you, truly" Cleveland Browns End Horace Gillom seems to be singing to Norm Hecker, Los Angeles Rams defensive halfback who has lips puckered as if awaiting a kiss, in recent game at the Los Angeles Coliseum. Actually, Hecker knocked ball, thrown by Browns Quarterback Otto Graham, from Gillom's hands.



Morgan Smith

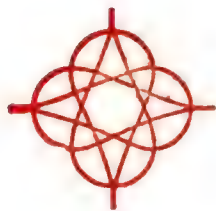
Harlem Hoedown: Jumping the gun on Halloween festivities, members of New York's Gothamettes club entertained friends with a gingham and blue denim dance last Friday night. Comely club members Ruby Dallas Young and Libby Wade came dressed in appropriate fashion with Scotch plaid blouses and dungarees.



Negro King, White Queen: When Post 407 of the Jewish War Veterans in Chicago decided to hold a dance, members felt it would be nice to have a king and queen selected from patients at nearby Hines Veterans Hospital. The post drew slips from barrels containing names of men and women patients at the hospital. As a result Negro World War I veteran Fred Prater and white World War II ex-marine Evelyn Cichanski reigned as King and Queen over the Yom Kippur night dance.



Running for Governor: Kermit Parker, 40-year-old New Orleans pharmacist, is the first Negro in Louisiana history to become a candidate in the Democratic nomination for governor. A commissioner of the State Industrial School for Negro youths, he faces eight opponents in the Jan. 15 primary.

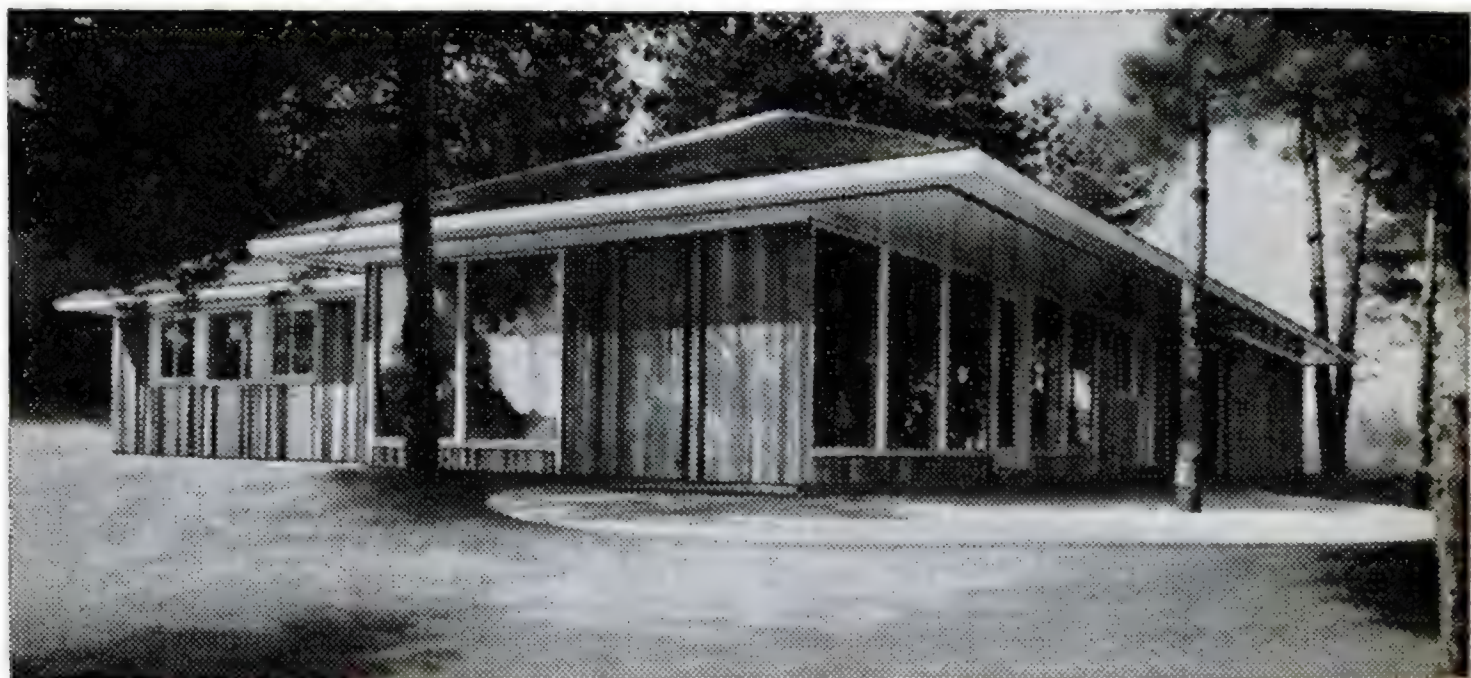


MODERN LIVING

MASCARA IN GREEN. Eye mascara, which is usually brown and black, is being introduced this Fall in emerald green, a true green that will offer interest to the new fall colors. It will be especially popular for evening wear. It gives the eyes a different look and will sell at \$1.25.

STOCKING HEELS WITH GOLD. For women who love fancy heels in hose, fashion experts offer black heels with gold dots for dress wear. The dots are made of a plastic finish and they are completely washable.

PREFABRICATED MANSION-ETTES. Prefabricated houses with all the dash of a leopard-lined coup de ville, but with more built-in accessories, were unveiled to the public in Cincinnati at a showing last week. Created by the Pease Woodwork Co., the houses are the first contemporary designs in the prefab field. Two models, the "Archwood" (below) and the "Crestwood," will soon be marketed across the nation. Costing \$19,500, the homes come in a



Luxurious pine-panelled home is one of first contemporary designs on prefab market.

variety of sizes from two bedrooms up and have such desirable features as large, horizontally-sliding thermopane picture windows; summer and winter air-conditioning; kitchens equipped with everything from a built-in ventilating fan to a waste disposer; ceiling-high closets with sliding doors; hardwood floors throughout living areas; a pine panelled recreation room and a two-car garage.

NEW IDEAS IN COOK BOOK. Famous food consultant and food editor of Mademoiselle Poppy Cannon White, wife of NAACP executive Walter White, is now working on a new book called, *The Hurried Epicure*. The book has recipes and suggestions on quick meals prepared from canned foods. It is expected to be published some time next month.



New petticoats will swish and stand out.

CRINOLINE AND RUFFLED PETTICOATS. Ruffled petticoats that swish and crinoline ones that stand out are in the height of fashion news for Fall and Winter costumes. They are to be worn under the chic, wide skirts that are shown in suits, dresses and evening gowns. Prices start around \$4 and they are available in every color and fabric imaginable.

NEW 'CHICKEN-LEG' SLEEVES. Now that the beruffled petticoats have been borrowed from grandmother's wardrobe, another style from the same era is making its appearance in the form of the new sleeve treatment. Called "chicken leg" sleeves, they are long and tight and are a downright steal on the "leg-o-mutton" style of old.



Tassel for sports



Jeweled for evening

STOCKING CAP HEAD GEAR. Top news in little hats is the season's "Mad Caps" patterned after the popular stocking cap. Elizabeth McCulloch, young Chicago hat designer, shows her version of three styles for all occasions. Made from one piece of jersey, the hats are priced from \$6 up.

GOOD NEWS FOR TIRED FEET. A new foot stick for aching, tired feet is being introduced by Virginia Parks, Inc., Chicago. It acts as an antiseptic and deodorant and is stroked on like stick cologne.



Bow for all-around use

CHOCOLATE ON XMAS TREE. The Lindt chocolate factory in Switzerland has a pack of Christmas tree ornaments made of chocolate, wrapped in bright foil to resemble stars, butterflies, hearts, umbrellas, and a Santa Claus.

APPLE PERFUME IN MAKING. The International Apple Association is contemplating producing a perfume made from apples, and has selected "Eve" as the prospective title for the product. There has been a great deal of research done on the use of apples in new cosmetic products. A government laboratory has produced a product called apple honey for that purpose.

FLOWER PETALS FOR COOKING. A new epicurean delight from France consists of crystallized flower petals from violets, roses, lilacs, mint, mimosa and sugared anise. These may be used as sweetmeats after dinner, at the tea table or for fancy cake decorations.

AFRICAN INFLUENCE IN FASHION. Magnificent African art works, which have already influenced modern painters through famed exhibitionist Pablo Picasso, may now exert a strong influence in women's styles, dress designers say. It does not mean that State-side ladies will go about with bared upper torsos—it does mean that the colorful geometric designs made by Ndebele women will form the basis for new dress prints. Most American women will probably not be aware of the source of the new ideas in design. For years Ndebele women have stayed at home inventing eye dazzling embroidery (right) with super-shiny beads. When their men went to work outside native villages in white owned cafes and kitchens, they took their wives' art with them. In this way it was seen by Europeans who carried the ideas back to Europe. Next stop: America.



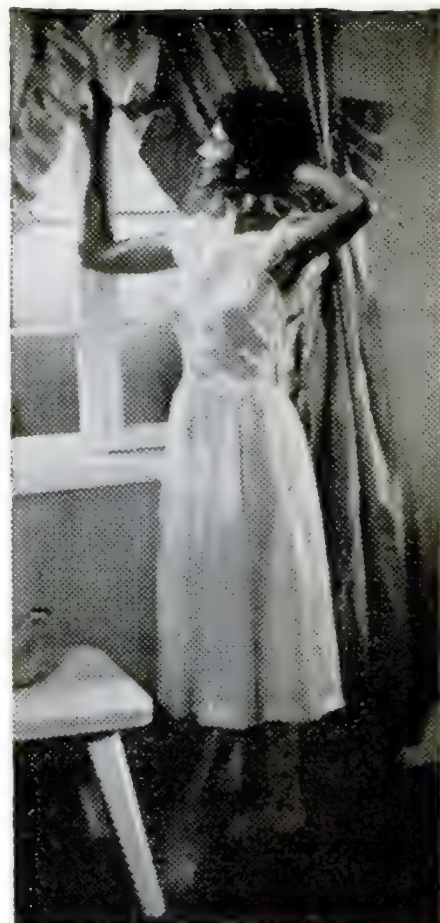
*African embroidery design
for American women.*

NEW LENGTH FOR NIGHTGOWNS Dora Gottlieb, underwear designer of New York, is introducing nightwear in cocktail dress length. The gowns are made to fit the body like a dress, yet they have plenty of freedom for sleeping. The model shown is made of white satin with embroidered nylon trim and ties in the back with tiny satin bows. Price is about \$6.

SHAVING CREAM FOR WOMEN. Women shave too, and now they have their own liquid shaving cream called "Sofair." It is a fragrant, creamy pink liquid which makes feminine shaving a real delight. It can be used for legs, arms and underarms and is supposed to have no pulls and no mess.

SMOKED MUSTARD. France has caught the smoke fever. First evidence is the arrival of a smoke-tanged Dijon mustard in a white pottery jar. Store buyers go for it big, especially those of the masculine gender. Order from Hammacher Schlemmer, 145 East 57th Street, New York City, price 65 cents.

NEW IRONING GADGETS. The housewife can cut her ironing time in half by using the new "air conditioned" ironing table developed by J. R. Clark Co., Spring Falls, Minnesota. The metal top to this table allows the steam to escape freely and permits the garments to dry rapidly. The tubular steel legs are adjustable for six different heights. . . . The Westinghouse Electric Corporation is putting on the market in November a new open handle iron. This handle is designed to reduce physical strain by fitting the palm of the hand and allowing the hand and wrist to remain in a relaxed position.



Dress-length night gown is new vogue.

10 WAYS TO GET A MINK COAT



There was an era when only women of the chosen few wore mink coats. These included Park Avenue society and well-kept women, along with chorus girls of the fabulous 20's who got minks as "place cards" from their sugar daddies! Those were the days when mink coats floated through the dreams of every woman and in most cases remained just dreams.

Today anyone with the "right approach," even an office girl who has the right credit standing and salary, can obtain a mink coat, even if prices start at around \$2,000 and go up and up and up.

It's always a puzzling question to most husbands, sweethearts and sugar daddies why women want a mink. Is it because Mrs. Jones has one? Or because it's a symbol of elegance, success, personal satisfaction?

Some women might say it's for the same reason men want Cadillacs. They possess an elegance which

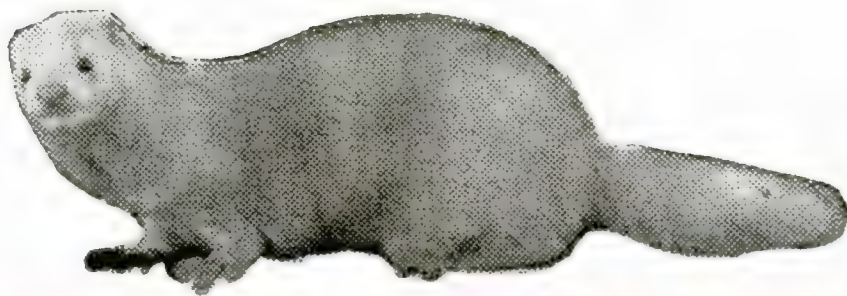
surpasses all other cars in name, body and build, as does mink in beauty, richness, gracefulness and wearing qualities.

There are a number of much more expensive furs, such as sable, ermine, chinchilla, and otter, and even beaver coats are priced higher than mink. But mink still symbolizes the best and is what every woman wants. And no husband can surprise his spouse with a more wonderful gift than middleweight champ Ray Robinson gave his wife Edna Mae on her last birthday on September 4. His royal pastel mink (left) had a \$10,000 price tag. She explains how she got it as follows: "I got mine by being the wife of a very indulgent champion. He almost always never says no. And as for the coat, it's good enough to go to bed with."

Fashion today is featuring the most fabulous of all mink to date—the "Black Diamond" with blue-black undertones. The women who purchased last season's silver-blue or royal pastel will be envious of the woman who gets 1951's top shade. Pity the poor husband who has to pay the \$30,000 for this little mink.

Women not fortunate enough to have affluent husbands or/and boy friends are not neglected by the fur industry which uses the magic word "mink" rather loosely. It is applied to almost any kind of four-legged animal which can be dyed to resemble mink. There is mink-dyed marmot (a species of ground hog), coney (rabbit), and muskrat (a respectable rodent). But after August 8, 1952, furriers by law will be made to apply the right names to furs, and mink will be a mink and nothing else come next Summer.

Furriers have caught the blended fever and are now combining skins in all sorts of fascinating eye and purse-catching fancy names and colors. Milady is catching the fever from the furriers and doing some fancy figuring to find how she can bag one of the new minks. For a game law guide to trap your mink, turn the page.



HERE'S HOW—IN TEN WAYS

Save your pennies and buy one.

Marry a rich man.

Catch your husband cheating and as a pacifier—"get a mink."

Win one at a raffle or at the race track or a numbers game. One chance in a million!

"Blackmail" the right man in the wrong way.

Raise mink. Start out with two—it only takes time and patience. In

three years you'll raise 60 to 70 pelts. Then all it takes is the money for curing and the making.

7 Buy one second hand.

8 Receive an inheritance from a rich relative you didn't know about.

9 Keep plenty of insurance on your husband and if he dies (or if you can arrange it), become a rich widow "in mink."

10 Buy on the installment plan—you have your life ahead to pay for it.



Thelma Carpenter, singer:

"I got my mink the hard way. I paid for it. It cost a lot of loot and it took a little while to do it, but it's all mine. I have always wanted a mink coat. I knew a mink was essential to a girl's work. I told myself I had exhausted all the possibilities girls have for obtaining minks, and still didn't have one. I decided to get one the straight way. P. S. I paid for the coat."



Actress Ruby Dee:

"It is not enough to possess merely the mink. One must also possess in no small measure that which it symbolizes: poise, self-confidence, and a feeling of being the most important item in somebody's eyes and arms. Ninety per cent of a good mink is good psychology!"



Nuffie Calloway, wife of Cab Calloway:

"Mink coats come to those who wait patiently and I'm a real Griselda! Some girls have to work years for a mink, others rub their own Aladdin lamps and many little genii jump out, get jobs, work all night and in the morning, presto! the little lady has her heart's desire. But too many find the genii want to hang around and ride herd on the coat. That's why I consider patience such a virtue. I waited until Cab bought me mine. I don't trust genies."



Gerri Major, Editor, N. Y. Amsterdam News:

"Mink coats are easy to get if you know how to do it. I got mine the easy way: as a Christmas present from my husband. That's the easiest way of all. It was all very simple. My husband asked me what I wanted for Christmas and I replied, 'Why, a mink coat of course.' At first he didn't believe me, but when I kept singing the same mink tune he realized I meant it. He bought the coat for me. There comes a time in every woman's life when she realizes that a mink coat represents a certain kind of security. That's the reason every woman wants a mink. It's a badge of having successfully arrived."

□ SOCIETY

PITTSBURGH. Talk of the town is Friday's big "Cavalcade of Fashions" sponsored by the Urban League and featuring L'Tanya and her right-from-Paris creations. The clever modiste who operates a Hollywood dress shop, received the first fashion credit ever awarded a Negro designer.

CHICAGO. Top drawer society in the Windy City is looking forward to the annual Royalties cocktail party given at the Parkway Ballroom Sunday afternoon. Always a fashion feast, this year's affair looks like it will outshine 1950's extravaganza.

HARTFORD. The marriage of the week will be the wedding of Geraldine Wells of this city and William Archer Jones of Suffield, Conn., Sunday at the Talcott Street Congregational Church.

NORFOLK. Gayest social event this week will be the formal dance given by the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. The group will present as guest of honor, fraternity brother Dr. Henry W. "Stud" Greene, popular Washington physician and East Coast "bon vivant."

NEW YORK. The fashionable Rinkey Dinks Club will introduce their new member, pretty Mrs. Illinois Jacquet, at an Okulihoa party Sunday, October 28, at the Savoy Ballroom. The famous band leader's wife will fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Flo Hawkins, who is temporarily giving up social activities for the classroom at Columbia University.



Mrs. Illinois Jacquet

People Are Talking About . . .

- * Selection of Howard graduate Alice M. Jefferson, for the November cover of the magazine, *What's New in Home Economics*—the first Negro girl to be so honored by a major publication in this field.
- * The secret wedding of popular Detroiters, Miss Edith Clark and Edward Turner, which took place nearly a year ago but was not announced until last week.
- * The citation dinner honoring ten outstanding women given by Women for Achievement, Inc., at the Hotel Astor in New York, October 23. Mrs. Edith S. Sampson of UN fame topped the list with an award for international achievement.
- * The rumored marriage of New York Giant rookie Willie Mays to Margie Wilson of Trenton, which may take place soon after Thanksgiving.
- * The elegant luncheon that one of Chicago's largest department stores, Carson, Pirie Scott & Co., threw for author Roi Ottley on the occasion of publication of his new book, *No Green Pastures*. Held in the store's own Georgian Room, the affair was attended by "all the best people" in town, including the store's president.
- * The island seven miles off the coast of Detroit recently purchased by the Alf Thomases which will be used as a summer retreat and mooring place for their 50-foot motor launch.
- * The new Mable Sanford who made a quickie flight up from Mexico this week to make arrangements for an extended musical tour of Alaska. The slim, vivacious Mable has been called "the Josephine Baker of Mexico."

PRESS DIGEST

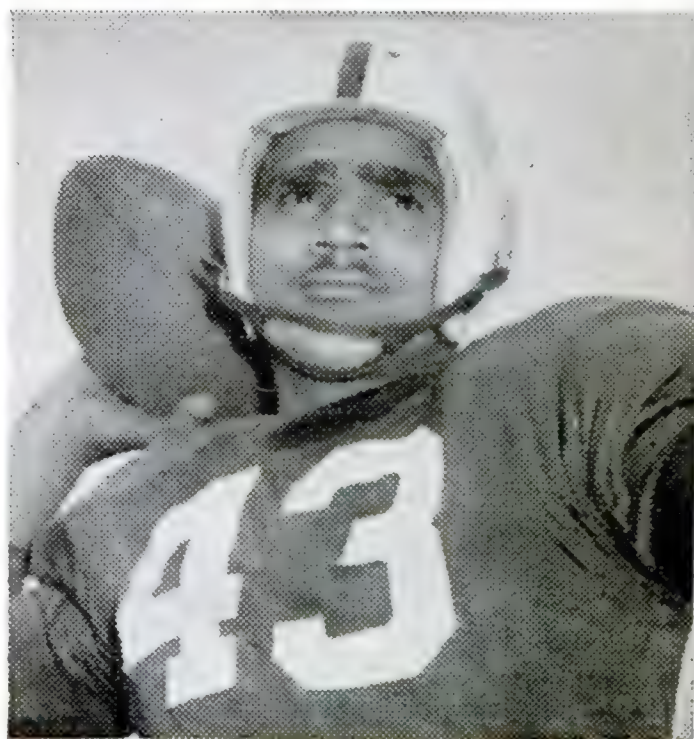
PAGEANT: If you were born again tomorrow, says an article by Stringfellow Barr, you'd probably be colored!—black, brown, or yellow. Your chances of being born white this year would be not more than one in three. You'd most likely live on the land in a mud hut with a dirt floor and no chimney and the largest share of your earnings would go to a landlord. And, you'd be dissatisfied, for you'd probably be among people who had revolted against and thrown out white folks or in a country that is still trying to throw them out!

BUSINESS WEEK: Led by Russell R. Lasley, a Negro vice-president and top-flight organizer, CIO's United Packinghouse Workers of America (membership: 150,000, one-third of which is Negro) has (1) eliminated Jim Crow meetings; (2) done away with separate lockers for Negroes and whites in 12 plants; (3) caused food facilities in three other plants to be opened to Negroes; (4) persuaded locals to write fair-employment-practices clauses in each new contract, Business Week reports.

INTERRACIAL REVIEW: Prospects for aspirant Negro Catholic priests, writes Casimir Marcevicus, are improving to such an extent that there may be 1,000 in U. S. priesthood by 1960. The reason? Diocesan seminaries and religious communities are slowly, but surely, erasing the color line. Previous prejudice in this religion is best indicated by the fact that during 80 years after James Augustine Healy was ordained (1854) in Paris for the Boston Archdiocese, only 13 colored priests were ordained. Today there are 40 Negro priests. One reason for improvement of race relations is a statement from official report of the Sacred Congregation of the Faith in Rome, made in 1950: "Any thought of a wide, general conversion of the Negroes to the Catholic Church is an illusion until and unless the attitude of American Catholics . . . is completely purified of approval of the segregation policy. . . ."

Oklahoma Aggies Break Bright's Jaw

Johnny Bright, Drake University's record-breaking halfback, was sidelined with a broken jaw just seven minutes after the kickoff against Oklahoma A. and M. in Stillwater, Okla. Moving pictures of the game show Aggie guard Wilbanks Smith driving a right fist to Bright's jaw. Bright, holder of all-time total ground gaining record of 5,699 in less than three seasons, was knocked out three times in seven minutes, still completed pass for touchdown and added 75 yards to his record.



Johnny Bright

"No matter what I did, somebody hit me," Bright said. "I remember getting fists in the face on the first two plays we had the ball."

Deprived of star offensive threat, Drake was knocked out of undefeated ranks as Aggies won 27-14. First reports said Bright would be out for rest of season but Drake physician later said, "if we can get him protected he may see limited action in this week's game against Iowa State."

Two years ago Bright became first Negro to play in Lewis Stadium in Stillwater, Okla., after the Missouri Valley Conference eased ban against Negro athletes.

Browns Sign San Diego Youth

The St. Louis Browns have signed Charley Powell, 19-year-old all-around athlete from San Diego (Calif.) High School. Powell, rated the greatest prep star in San Diego history, is said to have blasted a 450 homer when he was 15. He's built along the general lines of Luke Easter.

Matson Scores Three Touchdowns

Blasé New Yorkers witnessed a performance of all-American caliber last week when the University of San Francisco's track-star fullback, Ollie Matson, scored three touchdowns—two on long runs—leading his team to a 32 to 26 win over Fordham.

Other starring performances: Halfback Bob Robertson's 40-yard-average punts repeatedly put Ohio State in the hole, enabling lowly Indiana to score the upset of the week—a 32 to 10 win over the high-ranking Buckeyes. Halfbacks Leroy Bolden and Jimmy Ellis galloped 66 yards and 56 yards for Michigan State in its 32 to 21 victory over Penn State. Tallying for Penn State was halfback Bob Pollard, who scored on a 56-yard gallop. Halfback Don Stevens scored first for Illinois in a 27 to 20 win over Washington. End Lowell Perry's 38-yard punt return gave Michigan impetus to beat Iowa, 21 to 0.

Grid Life Resumes at 48

Life on the collegiate gridiron is beginning at age 48 for Bush Manson, tall, 180-pound football lineman at Los Angeles State College. Manson, father of three children and holder of two jobs, played for Wilberforce in 1930. But an incurable illness suffered by his wife forced him to drop out of school to raise their children. Now that the children no longer need constant care, Manson has returned to school.

His 31-year-old coach, Leonard "Bud" Adams, uses Manson as a utility lineman—at center, guard



Bush Manson

or tackle. "He's a hard worker and really knocks himself out . . ." Adams says of Manson, the world's oldest collegiate football player on the nation's youngest team. L. A. State just began playing football this year.

Tunnell Good on Offense Too

Since New York Giants Coach Steve Owen labeled half-back Emlen Tunnell "the greatest pass defender I've ever seen," the former Iowa player has found few opportunities to score touchdowns. Lately, however, Tunnell has been reversing the old axiom that "the best defense is a good offense" by proving that defensive players can score, too. Last week, he took a Philadelphia Eagles kickoff on his 21-yard line and scooted 79 yards to pay dirt in one of the top plays of the pro season. Over in Milwaukee, Los Angeles Rams fullback Dan Towler barged around his left end and barrelled 79 yards to break the Green Bay Packers' spirit and give his team a head start to a 28 to 0 win.

Other stars: Buddy Young scored once on a pass and Sherman Howard took passes of 50 and 35 yards to set up two more scores as the surprising New York Yankees tied the Detroit Lions, 24-all. End Horace Gillom picked up a blocked punt and ran 12 yards to score for the Cleveland Browns, 17 to 0 winners over the Pittsburgh Steelers. The always-rough Chicago Bears were just that to San Francisco 49ers' Fullback Joe Perry, who suffered a leg injury at Chicago as the Bears won 13 to 7.

"Shower" Honors on Baseball Stars

Post-season honors are being showered on Negro major league baseball stars. Getting themselves delightfully "wet," by way of Associated and United Press selections of a 1951 all-star National League team, were second baseman Jackie Robinson and catcher Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers. United Press selected Willie May as Rookie of the Year.

Orestes "Minnie" Minoso—the man who sparked the Chicago White Sox early season spurt—was named to the American League outfield by U.P.

Louis Suggests Tax On Purses

Joe Louis, who found that Uncle Sam was the toughest "opponent" he ever faced, suggests that the Internal Revenue department collect an on-the-spot income tax slice from every purse received by a fighter. "It would be a blessing to all boxers," Louis said, "and it would save the government a lot of trouble." Asked if he were finally square with tax collectors, Louis replied: "I don't know yet for sure, but I certainly hope so!"

Central State Looms As No. 1

Central State College (formerly Wilberforce) emerged last week as the national power in Negro college play when they downed the always-tough eleven fielded by Tennessee State, 19 to 7. Conversely, Kentucky State continued to find victory famine as it lost its fourth straight game—this one to Texas State by a 14 to 19 score.

UCLA to Honor Robinson

Jackie Robinson adds another "first" to his record November 2-3 when he will officiate as grand marshal of UCLA's 25th annual homecoming celebration. Robinson, the greatest all-around athlete developed at the school, will be the first athlete so honored.

Don Barksdale Finally Shows Up

Officials of the Baltimore Bullets professional basketball team were worried last week. Don Barksdale, their high-priced new star and former UCLA and Oakland (Calif.) Blue 'n' Gold's headliner, was almost a week late in reporting for practice sessions. After Barksdale's family in Berkeley, Calif., telephoned the Bullets' office to ask why he hadn't contacted them, the official uneasiness was heightened to the extent that Maryland state police were notified. A 14-state tracer was sent out.

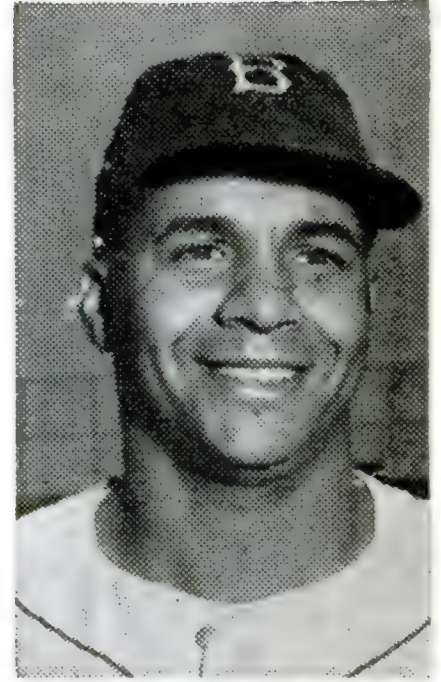
But, the mystery of Barksdale's whereabouts was solved on Tuesday when the graceful, six-foot, six-inch star nonchalantly sauntered into the Bullets' office.

What had happened?

"Oh, I had car trouble," Barksdale casually announced.

Campy's Injury Cost Pennant: Dressen

Chuck Dressen, Brooklyn Dodgers' manager who has been trying to get out of the fire ever since his team blew the National League pennant, last week blamed Catcher Roy Campanella's season-end injury for their loss to the New York Giants in the final play-off game. According to Dressen, Short-stop Pee-wee Reese told Pitcher Ralph Branca to keep the ball low and away from Giants' Third Baseman Bobby Thomson. But Branca's first pitch went in chest-high, over the inside corner.



Roy Campanella

"If Roy Campanella were healthy and catching that game," Dressen explained, "he'd stop the game right there and go out to tell Branca again to keep the ball low. But Roy was lame. . . ."

Dressen also bemoaned the fact that Pitcher Don Newcombe couldn't win a game in five weeks, during which time the Dodgers dissipated a 13-game lead. But, he paid high tribute to his all-star second baseman, Jackie Robinson. "There," Dressen said, "is the greatest player I have ever managed or coached." Dressen still does not know whether he will retain his manager's job next season.

Jim Crow Cancels Grid Game

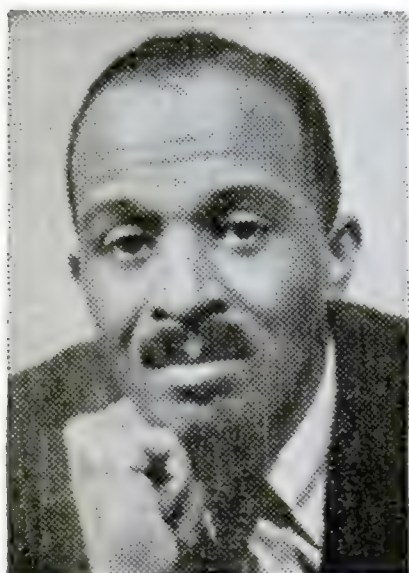
Bradley University's football team was scheduled to meet the Florida State eleven at Tallahassee on November 24. But last week A. J. Bergstrom, athletic director at the Illinois school, announced that the game had been cancelled "by mutual agreement." The reason? Florida State, adhering to the rules of that southern dictator, Col. Jim Crow, said it wouldn't allow Bradley to use its three Negro freshman ends—Bill Grant, Elmo Petty, and Dick Goins—in the game.

BOOK OF THE WEEK

ON BEING NEGRO IN AMERICA

By J. Saunders Redding

- In a lengthy but highly engrossing essay, author J. Saunders Redding sums up his particular approach to the business of *Being Negro In America* (Bobbs Merrill, \$3). With both heat and humor, the Hampton professor (who has authored four previous books) writes about his personal adventures as a Negro. He includes



J. Saunders
Redding

everything from his confession that he once watched a white woman die of epilepsy without lifting a hand to his days as a part-time Communist when the Reds were wooing him with a combination of living room oratory and bedroom sex.

Saunders covers the gamut of controversial items concerning race in his epistle which is highly-readable from cover to cover. He writes of Garveyism and tells how he taught his son about race; he defends intermarriage and blasts Negroes for too much chau-

vinism in their own ranks. And he solemnly insists that this essay "is probably my last public comment on the so-called American race problem." Other observations in his book include these quotes:

- As a principle, gradualism is very flattering to the Negro people. It ascribes to them superhuman patience, fortitude and humility in the face of very great social evils.
- In my home town, where segregation could have been abolished 20 years ago, the Negro owner of the only Negro theater, who was at the same time on the city council, fought every attempt to wipe out the practice of excluding Negroes from white theaters.

Novelist In Paris

William Gardner Smith will have his second novel, *Anger at Innocence*, published by the French Book Club in Paris early in 1952 and has temporarily moved to Paris with his wife for the event. He has quit his job with the Pittsburgh Courier.

Homosexuals and Negroes

A self-admitted homosexual writing under the pseudonym of Donald Webster Cory makes a heated defense of his unnatural love in a new book, *The Homosexual In America* (Greenberg \$4). Surprise twist: Cory insists that he and others of his breed should be considered as a minority similar to Negroes in America and that civil rights of homosexuals should be defended by such groups as the American Civil Liberties Union.

Joe Louis Still Best Seller

Even though he is now an ex-champ, Joe Louis' name is still a best seller, Publisher A. A. Wyn has discovered. The entire edition of Margery Miller's *Joe Louis: American* has been sold out and a new enlarged edition will be published in November with new material to bring the book up to date. The book sells so well that the price is going up—from \$2 to \$2.50.

▣ JOURNALISM

Courier Hikes Price

The Pittsburgh Courier, blaming higher labor and newsprint costs, is increasing the price of its 15-cent weekly to 20 cents beginning November 3.

Winchell Gets A Scoop

Walter Winchell columned last week: "A Negro news-weekly, a la Time & Newsweek, starts next month. Ebony mag is publisher."

JET is it.

□ ENTERTAINMENT

Ella Signs for Five Years

Decca Records signed singer Ella Fitzgerald to a new five-year contract. She has been singing for Decca since 1936, a year after she won first prize in amateur show at Harlem's Apollo Theater and went to work for Chick Webb's orchestra at the Savoy Ballroom.

No Lynching for Ballet

Lynchings apparently belong in the U. S., not on the Paris ballet stage, was the bad news conveyed last week to dancer Katherine Dunham as a rope and tree scene was suppressed from her new ballet due at the Champs Elysees. It was thought Franco-American friendship might be hurt if it was performed.

Thelma Carpenter Now Comedienne

Singer Thelma Carpenter has signed a contract with Ned Schuyler, manager of Josephine Baker, who plans to convert her into a comedienne. Schuyler, who runs Miami's Copa City night club, has a third Negro client: singer Joyce Bryant.

Fats Pichon On 'Duffy's Tavern'

As one of the new stars of *Duffy's Tavern*, NBC Friday night radio show, Walter (Fats) Pichon, fabled New Orleans jazz pianist, at 44 has taken another important step toward realizing his dream of succeeding the late Thomas (Fats) Waller as a piano comedy star. He has replaced the late Eddie Green as "Eddie the Waiter" on the show originating from Puerto Rico. Pichon, whose singing and piano playing gave him a 7-year engagement at the Old Absinthe House, historical landmark of New Orleans' old French Quarter, was helped in his career by noted composer George Gershwin. George financed Pichon's musical studies at New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, for four years. Pichon's quest of Waller's glory thus far has included: engagements at New York's Cafe Society, Bop City and Blue Angel.

MOVIE OF THE WEEK

Detective Story



Kirk Douglas and Russell Evans

Movie-goers who like their crime in big, gory doses will enjoy Paramount's *Detective Story*, the gripping tale of ruthless New York detective played by Kirk Douglas, whose almost maniacal hatred of lawlessness molds circumstances leading to his murder. The film is startlingly realistic, and uses sets adapted from actual police precinct stations in New York City. In *Detective Story* audiences will get their first look at an exciting new Negro actor, Russell Evans, who turns in a top-notch performance as the policeman who subdues savage cop-killer. It's bang-up blood and bullets entertainment.

Week's Radio-TV Preview

Joe Louis-Rocky Marciano fight (Friday, Oct. 26 at 10 p.m. EST) on NBC television and radio from New York's Madison Square Garden.

Pearl Bailey on Clifton Fadiman's "This Is Show Business" (Sunday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 EST) on CBS television.

The Ink Spots on Tallulah Bankhead's The Big Show (Sunday, Oct. 28 at 6:30 p.m. EST) on NBC radio.

Howell and Bowser on Ed Sullivan's Toast of the Town (Sunday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. EST) on CBS television.



Jesse Owens

Jesse Owens Starts TV Career

Jesse Owens, former Ohio State and Olympic track star, begins a new career in television on Sunday, October 28 (6 p.m.), when his sponsored, hour-long, variety show bows on Chicago station WGN-TV. Owens, who is as gifted with words as he once was in track shoes, will "tie the show together" as master of ceremonies. Owens says, "I've been angling for something like this for a long time!"

'Home of the Brave' Banned

Hollywood's first film dealing with the problem of race prejudice, *Home of the Brave*, has been banned in Japan by the military government and the U. S. State Department. Officials contend the Japanese are not sufficiently "orientated" to understand this side of American life. In the film, James Edwards plays "Mossy," a Negro GI who cracks up as a result of overt evidences of prejudice which he encounters in the Army. The motion picture, produced in 1949, was adapted from a Broadway hit play by Arthur Laurents in which "Mossy" was Jewish.

Dorothy Maynor in DAR Hall

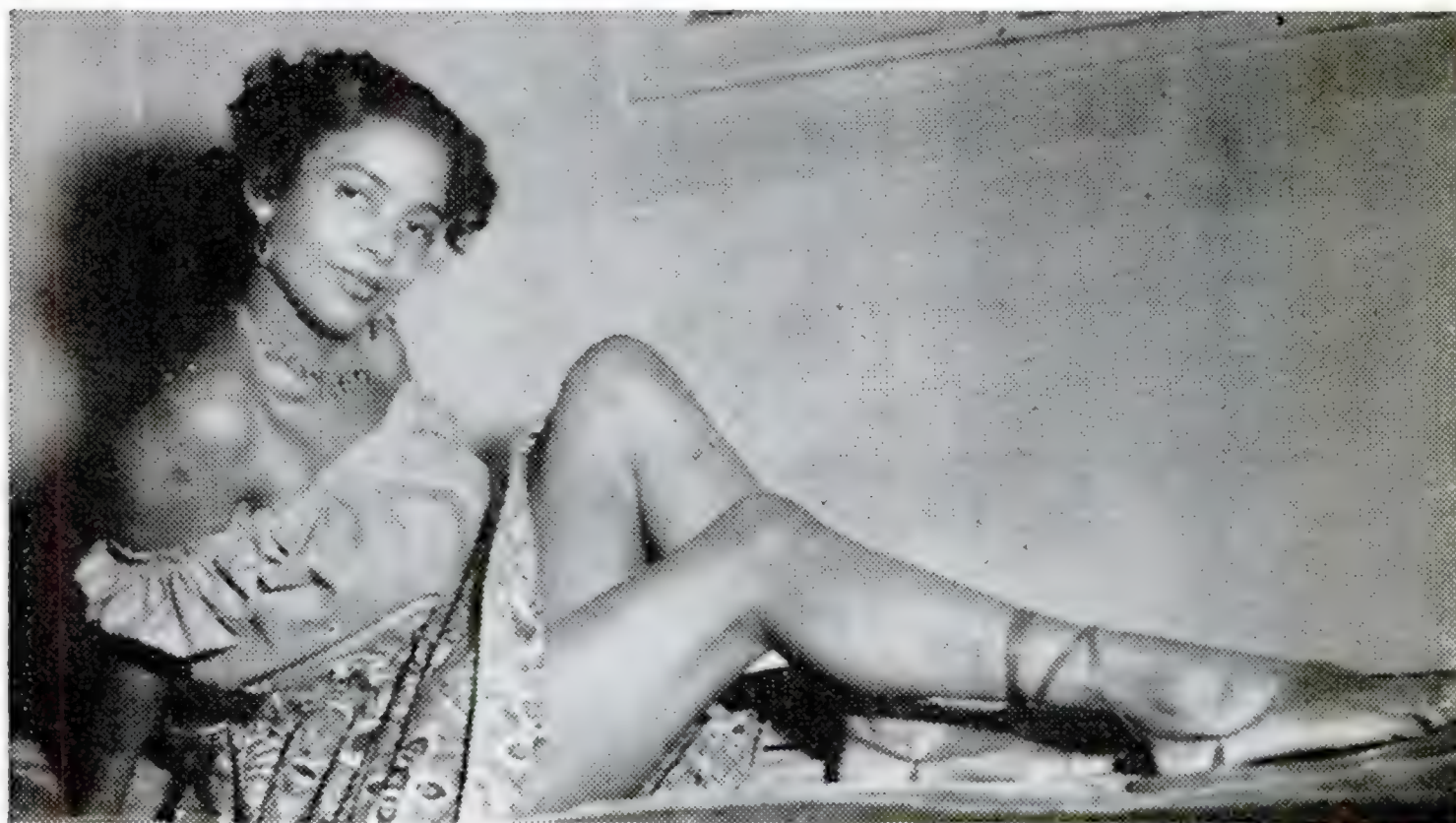
Although Negro soprano Dorothy Maynor will sing to an unsegregated audience in their Constitution Hall, Washington, next February 17, the Daughters of the American Revolution are not ready to put on paper that their race policy has been dropped. Miss Maynor as guest soloist with the National Symphony Orchestra will be the DAR's signal that Jim Crow is dead at the hall, where during the war Marian Anderson was barred from singing to a mixed audience. But powerful Actors Equity wants con-

crete assurances from the DAR. Put it in writing, it has told Harold Maynard, Constitution Hall manager. The latter has already allowed several mixed amateur groups to sing in a contest conducted by a D. C. bank. A Negro girl won it.

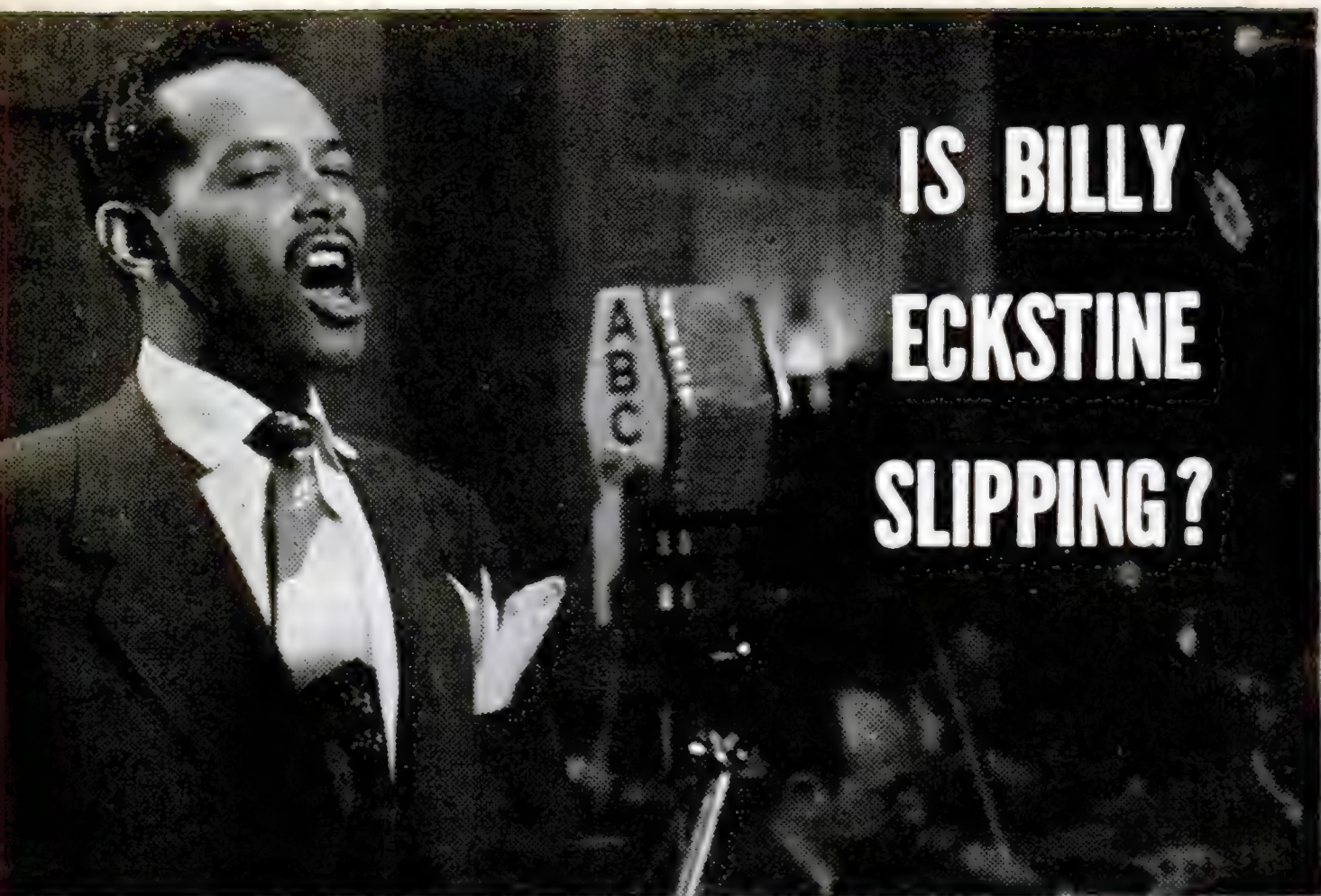
Kitzmiller Finishes Tenth Film

Ex-GI John Kitzmiller, one-time resident of Battle Creek who rocketed to fame as an Italian movie star, hardly finishes one picture before beginning work on another. Both Kitzmiller and Canada Lee appear in Nino Bazzani's *On the Guadalupe Road*. The tri-lingual Kitzmiller will also be seen in *The Girl From Trieste*, an Italo-French flicker, and in *Massacre in Lace*, recently filmed in Paris. *Massacre* is Kitzmiller's 10th picture, his first made in France.

Spicing the latter film is lithesome dancer Monique Aissata (below), who makes her debut in the movie. Monique's mother was a native of Martinique, her father was a Frenchman. The curvaceous new actress who on occasion has been a model and a painter was born in Paris.



Monique Aissata is eye-soothing addition to French films.



IS BILLY ECKSTINE SLIPPING?

To the bobby-sox public, unpredictable in its tastes and ever ready to frown upon a fallen idol, one of the top names in crooning seems to be slipping. He is singing star Billy Eckstine, who, according to the jazzmen in the know, is losing his drawing power with the jukebox set. Some say their "hero" has gone high hat, won't sing the favorites they like and instead caters to the plush cafe set longhairs.

What are the facts about Billy's popularity? To JET the story is summed up in Billy's own words when he hit the jackpot with his songs after years of trying. "I hate blues but they're commercial. You can't do anything with them, though. They don't kill me." At the time he was officiating, he thought, at last rites for *Jelly Jelly*, his great blues classic which springboarded him to eminence. But as top U.S. vocalist, Mr. B. always preferred bop. Deterred by lack of A-1 oolya koo material, he now

stresses ballads, pop tunes, some light classics in the jazz idiom.

His reluctance to sing earthy psalms like *Jelly Jelly*, *Stormy Monday Blues*, has him spotlighted in today's unwelcome controversy. Music and lay critics are asking: Is Billy Eckstine losing his hold with the fans who originally put him where he is? Has he gone high-brow in songs he now sings? Is he alienating Negro fans in his new, outspoken, truculent attitude on material he uses?

Wrote N. Y. Daily News critic Bob Sylvester after Billy opened last April at New York's Jim Crow Copacabana: "He started out with a half-baked song by a half-baked songwriter named Mack Gordon and ended with a purely dreadful piece of material by a purely dreadful writer named Sid Kuller."

Replied Billy: "What the hell, the guy's right. But he should remember one thing. The people that come here are not music lovers. They want to be entertained. I tried to give them a more musical show when I was in another place of this kind, the Chez Paree in Chicago, and ouch! I died the death of a dog."

When *Down Beat*, musicians' bible, charged he didn't meet his audience halfway with his song selections last Labor Day week at Harlem's Apollo Theater, the embers were fanned into flame. Mr. B. "sang wonderfully," said D. B., but offered audience "a Copa show," got his weakest hand ever at the Apollo. Billy took a big band, 7 fiddles, a conductor with him



Idol of women fans, Billy appeals with ballads but finds cool audience among Negroes who want blues.

Controversy Rages Over Billy's Songs

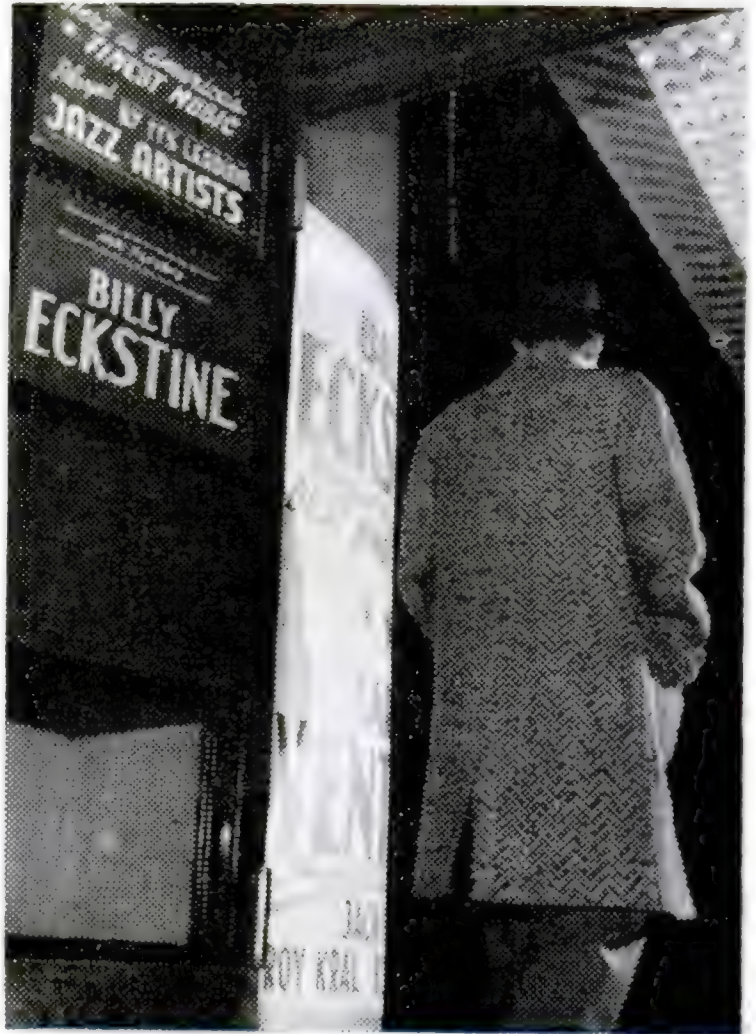
to the theater, but not once, lamented Down Beat, did he sing *Jelly, Jelly*. Frank Schiffman, Apollo's aging owner, hopped into word battle with: "It's a terrible injustice to Billy Eckstine," but admitted that "he might have seemed a little stand-offish."

Down Beat insists: "It is a sad thing to see a great artist reach the stage where he has gone beyond the kind of audience who helped make him famous, has lost contact with them and their musical tastes. It is happening with Billy in his hold on Negro audiences. . . ."

Meanwhile Mr. B. emoted: "I've reached a point where I have some say and I want to make it very clear that I refuse—positively—to sing any bad songs."

Mr. B. statistics show: A discernible drop in box office appeal among Negroes (some houses hesitate to book him). Negro fans sit on their hands until he sings *Jelly, Jelly*, but white audiences still accept *I Apologize*, *Caravan*, *Enchanted Land* explosively. Currently on his annual concert tour with pianist George Shearing, Billy is earning more money than ever, has recently signed a \$1 million MGM pact for 10 years.

How can anybody slip with that kind of money? JET asks.



Billy leaves night club wondering about cool audience reaction

Negro Women Out-Live Men

American Negro women have a four-year, five-month bulge over their male counterparts in life expectancy, according to final 1949 vital statistics compiled by the U. S. Public Health Service. But, on an average, white women live longer than any other group.

Average length of life has increased to a record high of almost 68 years.

Life expectancy ratings, according to these statistics, are:

- Negro women: 62 years, 11 months.
- Negro men: 58½ years.
- White women: 71½ years.
- White men: 65 years, 11 months.

In 1900, whites out-lived non-whites by 15 years; in 1949, by about eight years.

Woman Dead Four Minutes

Dead for four minutes when her heart stopped beating during an operation in Philadelphia's Mercy Douglas Hospital, Mrs. Ida Jackson was brought back to life when surgeons opened her chest and massaged her heart. She began breathing 15 minutes later. Now completely recovered, Mrs. Johnson's main worry is when she can get out of the hospital to see her beautician.

Three Quads Survive

Three surviving and "quite premature" quadruplets born last week to Mrs. Jeff Burgess, 37-year-old farm wife who lives near Sumter, S. C., are progressing in "satisfactory" manner, reports Dr. W. J. Snyder, Jr., who delivered them. The fourth infant was stillborn.

At birth, the babies were too delicate, Dr. Snyder said, to be weighed. They were placed in incubators. Mrs. Burgess and her 56-year-old tenant farmer husband have nine other living children, including two sets of twins.

JET FORECAST:

Irvin To Lose. New York Giants star Monte Irvin will lose his race for New Jersey assemblyman in November. He is running in a heavily-Republican county and only reason the Democrats named the novice politician is that he has no chance to win.

Sugar In Movies. Life story of Sugar Ray Robinson will be filmed by 20th Century-Fox and will have the champion playing himself.

Californian Congressman. A third Negro congressman will be seated in the House of Representatives in the 1952 elections. He will come from California where reappointment has given Negroes a balance of power in one Los Angeles district.

Women In Defense Jobs. Thousands of Negro women will go back to work this coming year on skilled defense jobs. They will use experience they got in World War II to join labor force rearming America against Russian threat.

Winters In Met. Baritone Lawrence Winters will be the first Negro singer signed by the Metropolitan Opera. His stellar work singing with New York City Opera this Winter will lead to contract next Fall.

Movie Star. William Marshall will become America's No. 1 Negro movie star after *Lydia Bailey* is released in January. He was so impressive 20th Century-Fox ordered more shooting to build up his role.



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Will crooner's fans find a new idol to replace "Bronze Balladeer" and give him more time with his wife June? (See "Entertainment".)